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PRESENT:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. RAJAN	India
<u>later</u>	Mr. SILVEIRA da MOTA	Brazil
<u>Members:</u>	Mr. C.F. COOKE	Argentina
	Mr. WILSON	Australia
	Mr. LHOIR	Belgium
	Mr. MOLCHANOV	Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
	Mrs. SINCLAIR	Canada
	Mr. TSAO	China
	Mr. RYBAR	Czechoslovakia
	Miss BERNARDINO	Dominican Republic
	Mr. GALLEGOS	Ecuador
	Mr. MANDE	France
	Mr. CARAYANNIS	Greece
	Mr. KHALIDY	Iraq
	Mr. SANJUST	Italy
	Mr. KITAHARA	Japan
	Mrs. HARMAN	Israel
	Mr. NAEVDAL	Norway
	Mr. SHAFQAT	Pakistan
	Miss TONGSON	Philippines
	Mr. LINDT)	Switzerland
	Mr. GRANDJEAN)	
	Mr. ROSLOV	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Mr. BARNES	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Dr. ELIOT	United States of America
	Mr. HORVAT)	Yugoslavia
	Miss RADIC)	
<u>Also present:</u>	Mr. JOUBLANC-RIVAS	Mexico

PRESENT: (cont'd)

Representatives of specialized agencies:

Dr. PHILLIPS)	
Dr. VAN VEEN)	Food and Agriculture Organization
Miss McNAUGHTON)	
Dr. COIGNY		World Health Organization

Representatives of non-governmental organizations:

Mrs. FREEMAN	NGO Committee on UNICEF
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Category B and Register:

Mrs. KADANE	Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations
Miss ERMEN	Friends World Committee for Consultation
Mr. LONGARZO	International Conference of Catholic Charities
Miss MARTIN	International Council of Women
Mrs. HYMER	International Federation of Business and Professional Women
Miss SUTHERLAND	International Society for the Welfare of Cripples
Mrs. DUNN	International Union Against Tuberculosis
Mrs. KAUFMANN-FRANKENSTEIN	International Union for Child Welfare
Miss ZIZZAMIA	World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations

United Nations Secretariat:

Miss BRANSCOMBE	Bureau of Social Affairs
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UNICEF Administration:

Mr. PATE	Executive Director
Mr. HEYWARD	Deputy Executive Director (Operations)
Dr. BORCIC	Deputy Executive Director (Programming)
Mr. DAVEE	Director, Regional Office for the Americas

PRESENT: (cont'd)

UNICEF Administration: (cont'd)

Mr. EGGER	Director, Africa, Europe and Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office
Mr. KEENY	Director, Asia Regional Office
Mr. DAVIES	Chief, India-Ceylon-Afghanistan Area Office
Mr. EHRENSTRALE	Chief, Eastern Mediterranean Area Office
Mr. CHARNOW	Secretary of the Board

REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE (E/ICEF/L.830) (continued)

Recommendations of the Programme Committee for Allocations

Malaria eradication and control (continued)

At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Joubland-Rivas (Mexico) took a place at the Board table.

Mr. JOUBLANC-RIVAS (Mexico) expressed the gratitude of the Mexican Government and people for UNICEF's generous assistance to the malaria eradication campaign in his country and said that his Government would make every effort to bring that campaign to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Joubland-Rivas (Mexico) withdrew.

Maternal and Child Welfare

Mr. Silveira da Mota (Brazil) Second Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel) Chairman of the Programme Committee, presented the Programme Committee's recommendations for the following allocations: Afghanistan - \$45,000 (E/ICEF/L.798); Burma - \$58,000 (E/ICEF/L.819); China - \$55,000 (E/ICEF/L.774); India - \$109,000 plus \$16,409^{1/} (E/ICEF/L.818 and L.827); Indonesia - \$266,000 (E/ICEF/L.792 and Corr.1); Japan - \$38,000 (E/ICEF/L.799); Pakistan - \$63,000 (E/ICEF/L.773); Philippines - \$302,000 (E/ICEF/L.820) and Thailand - \$172,000 (E/ICEF/L.786). She drew the Board's attention to the increasing governmental participation in all programmes and the emphasis which Governments had placed on training programmes.

Mr. MANDE (France), associating himself with the Chairman's remark concerning the emphasis placed on training programmes, which were of great importance in the less developed countries, said that his Government hoped that UNICEF would give ever increasing priority to that work.

The allocations for maternal and child welfare in Asia, amounting to a total of \$1,124,409, were approved.

Mr. Rajan (India) resumed the Chair.

^{1/} To be reimbursed to WHO.

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, presented the Committee's recommendations for allocations to the following countries in the Eastern Mediterranean area: Egypt - \$183,000 (E/ICEF/L.787); Ethiopia - \$42,000 (E/ICEF/L.801 and Corr.1); the Sudan - \$33,000 (E/ICEF/L.807) and Syria - \$49,000 (E/ICEF/L.780).

The allocations for maternal and child welfare in the Eastern Mediterranean area, amounting to a total of \$307,000,^{1/} were approved.

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendation for an allocation to Yugoslavia of \$250,000 (E/ICEF/L.804).

The allocation for maternal and child welfare in Yugoslavia amounting to \$250,000 was approved.

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendations for allocations to the following countries: Colombia - \$109,000 (E/ICEF/L.783); Guatemala - \$4,400 (E/ICEF/L.795) and St. Kitts - \$22,000 (E/ICEF/L.817).

The allocations for maternal and child welfare in the Americas, amounting to a total of \$135,400, were approved.

Dr. ELIOT (United States of America) expressed her Government's deep appreciation of the work done by UNICEF in the field of maternal and child welfare and supported the French representative's remarks regarding training programmes.

The problem of environmental sanitation, which had been the subject of a recommendation by the UNICEF-WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy, was of great importance in the reduction of disease among infants and young children.

Dr. COIGNY (World Health Organization) emphasized the importance attached by WHO to the question of environmental sanitation and pointed out that allocations for the study of that problem had increased by 29 per cent in that Organization's 1956 budget as compared with previous years.

^{1/} The amount of \$10,849, approved for reimbursement to WHO in connexion with the services of health personnel in Iran, should be added to the sum of \$307,000, making the total approved \$317,849.

Programmes benefiting more than one region

International Children's Centre

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the Committee's recommendation for an allocation of \$300,000 to the International Children's Centre in Paris (E/ICEF/L.821).

Mr. MANDE (France) said that he was happy to reiterate his Government's interest in the International Children's Centre, for whose activities great appreciation had been expressed in the Programme Committee. The French Government hoped that the Centre would continue its activities and develop them further; it intended to continue to contribute to the International Children's Centre and to UNICEF itself.

Dr. ELIOT (United States of America) said that her delegation was greatly interested in the International Children's Centre and was glad to see that UNICEF was contributing to it on the same basis as in previous years. She thought that it should be placed on record that the 60 per cent ceiling set some time previously, making a total of \$500,000, had been reached.

Miss TONGSON (Philippines) expressed her country's gratification at interest shown in the work of the International Children's Centre and the support given to it. The work of that Centre could not but have a permanent effect on the organization which was being built up to ensure the health and welfare of children, who were the people of tomorrow.

The allocation of \$300,000 to the International Children's Centre (E/ICEF/L.821) was approved.

Food conservation

Asia

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the Programme Committee's recommendation for an allocation of \$50,000 for a vegetable milk plant in Indonesia (E/ICEF/L.800).

The allocation of \$50,000 to Indonesia (E/ICEF/L.800) was approved.

The Americas

Chile: Fish flour

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the Programme Committee's recommendation for an allocation of \$60,000 to Chile for fish flour production (E/ICEF/L.823).

The allocation of \$60,000 to Chile (E/ICEF/L.823) was approved.

Long-range feeding

Asia

Mr. Silveira da Mota (Brazil), Second Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the Programme Committee's recommendation for an allocation of \$90,000 to India for long-range feeding (E/ICEF/L.813).

The allocation of \$90,000 to India (E/ICEF/L.813) was approved.

Philippines

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the Programme Committee's recommendation for an allocation of \$83,000 to the Philippines for long-range feeding (E/ICEF/L.784).

The allocation of \$83,000 to the Philippines (E/ICEF/L.784) was approved.

Mr. Rajan (India) resumed the chair.

Eastern Mediterranean

Iraq

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the Programme Committee's recommendation for an allocation of \$148,000 to Iraq for school feeding (E/ICEF/L.812).

The allocation of \$148,000 to Iraq (E/ICEF/L.812) was approved.

The Americas

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the Programme Committee's recommendations for the following allocations for programmes in the Americas: \$26,000 to Brazil (E/ICEF/L.802); \$2,500 to the British Virgin Islands (E/ICEF/L.796); \$13,000 to Dominica (E/ICEF/L.791); \$21,000 to El Salvador (E/ICEF/L.789) and \$96,000 to Jamaica (E/ICEF/L.816).

The allocations for long-range feeding in the Americas, amounting to a total of \$158,500, were approved.

Emergency feeding

Pakistan

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the Programme Committee's recommendation for an allocation of \$15,000 for emergency feeding in Pakistan (E/ICEF/L.829)

The allocation of \$15,000 to Pakistan (E/ICEF/L.829) was approved.

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, said that total allocations for programme aid recommended by the Programme Committee amounted to \$7,487,815.

The total allocations for programme aid amounting to \$7,487,815 were approved.

Emergency milk distribution in Pakistan

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, drew attention to paragraph 24 of the Committee's report, explaining the situation with regard to emergency distribution of milk in Pakistan, which the Committee had been requested to consider.

Target Programme of Allocations for 1956 (E/ICEF/L.830, paragraphs 26 to 30, Conference Room Paper No. 1)

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, said that the Committee had discussed the target programme for allocations, as submitted in document E/ICEF/L.826; the substance of the debates was reported in paragraphs 26-30 of the report.

The CHAIRMAN said that it was almost certain that the Fund would be able to meet all its expenses through its target budget but, as the Executive Director had so wisely pointed out, even granting that the Fund was in a position to spend money it was still obliged to meet its income target of \$20,000,000 from Government contributions. Despite a 15 per cent increase that year, the Fund's income was still short of its target, so that there must indeed be no relaxation of effort. Even if the income rose to \$20,000,000, the Fund would still not be able to meet every need. Five years ago the target had been set at \$30,000,000 and it had been recognized that in relation to the needs arising in the under-developed countries and other areas of the world, even that figure had been too small. The target of \$20,000,000 should be taken not as an end but as a beginning and the possibilities of expansion must always be kept before the Fund.

Now that the Fund felt itself to be in a position where it could contemplate spending \$20,000,000, new possibilities could be examined. The increased sums allocated for Asia would mean more vigorous prosecution of existing programmes and more adequate ministration to the needs of countries. The Administration should now apply itself to a thorough examination of opportunities for providing assistance. He thought that the Administration could be trusted to make full use of those opportunities.

Mr. TSAO (China) said that his delegation was gratified at the prospects of increased income for the following year and at the size of the carry-over. He would, however, take the opportunity to remind the Board that the decision taken at the previous session to make every effort to participate in malaria eradication programmes had been made with the understanding that other regions and other types of programmes might have to be compensated in the future, subject to the availability of funds. It was with that understanding in mind that he would like to express his approval of the target programme.

Dr. ELIOT (United States of America) pointed out that in Conference Room Paper No. 1, paragraph 2, it was stated that Governments had contributed or pledged a total of \$14,834,000 to UNICEF for 1955, whereas in paragraph 28 of

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the Programme Committee's report (E/ICEF/L.830) revenue for 1955 was stated to be \$15.4 million up to the present, while \$2,000,000 was expected from revenues other than government contributions. She hoped that the difference between the \$14,834,000 contributed, as reported in Conference Room Paper No. 1, and the \$15.4 million mentioned in paragraph 28 of the report was not included in that \$2,000,000.

Mr. HEYWARD (Deputy Executive Director (Operations)) said that the difference between the \$14,834,000 and the \$15.4 million was made up of contributions already received from sources other than Government contributions. The further \$2,000,000 mentioned in paragraph 28 of the Programme Committee's report represented additional revenue still to come.

Dr. ELIOT (United States of America) said that she hoped that point would be made quite clear in the report.

Mr. KITAHARA (Japan) announced that the Japanese Government had officially sanctioned its pledge of 36 million yen to UNICEF for the current year and the sum should be regarded as a definite contribution.

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, wished to express the Committee's appreciation of the wealth of detail and the useful information incorporated in the documents presenting the recommendations for allocations. The documents were an example of work thoroughly and efficiently carried out.

Report of the Sub-Committee on Fund Raising (paragraphs 31-33)

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, introduced the section of the Programme Committee's report relating to the report of the Sub-Committee on Fund Raising (E/ICEF/296). She pointed out that in view of the public relations nature of the activities which were now within the purview of the Sub-Committee, the Programme Committee had decided to change the Sub-Committee's name to Sub-Committee on Fund Raising and Public Relations.

Paragraphs 31-33 of the Programme Committee's report were approved.

Other business (paragraph 34)

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, pointed out that the question which the representative of Pakistan had raised in the Programme Committee under the heading of other business, namely the scheduling of sessions of the Executive Board and Programme Committee, was referred to the Executive Board for consideration.

Paragraph 34 of the Programme Committee's report was approved.

The CHAIRMAN, on behalf of the Executive Board, congratulated the Chairman of the Programme Committee on the speed with which she had produced her admirable report.

Mr. SILVEIRA da MOTA (Brazil) wished to pay a special tribute to the Chairman of the Programme Committee for her skill and devotion in carrying out her duties in the Chair, as also for the valuable contribution she had made over many years to the work of UNICEF as a whole.

Mrs. HARMAN (Israel), Chairman of the Programme Committee, thanked the representative of Brazil and her other colleagues on the Programme Committee for their co-operation.

The report of the Programme Committee as a whole was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Scheduling of Sessions of the Executive Board and Programme Committee

Mr. SHAFQAT (Pakistan) said that when he had raised the question of the future scheduling of sessions of the Executive Board and Programme Committee he had suggested that the date of the autumn session should be advanced in order to avoid the pressure of work created for small delegations by the imminence of the General Assembly.

Mr. BARNES (United Kingdom) said that the chief objection to advancing the autumn session of the Board and the Programme Committee to a date before Labour Day, as had been suggested, was that the summer session of the Economic and Social Council in Geneva, which affected many of the representatives who attended UNICEF meetings, did not end until the first week in August. It would be very difficult for such representatives to attend an August session of the Executive Board in New York.

Mr. TSAO (China) said that his delegation shared the difficulties experienced by the delegation of Pakistan. Nevertheless, he agreed with the United Kingdom representative that a session opening before Labour Day would be undesirable. He wondered if, as a compromise, the Board could meet immediately after Labour Day and compress its work into a session of six working days, as it had succeeded in doing at the current session, thus leaving the smaller delegations more time to prepare for the General Assembly.

After a discussion in which the representatives of Australia, the Dominican Republic, Brazil and Canada took part, Mr. CHARNOW (Secretary of the Board) assured the Board that the Department of Conference Services would be able to service an earlier session, provided that the decision was made well in advance.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that a change should be made in the annual conference pattern laid down in paragraph 179 of the report of the Executive Board for March 1954 (E/2572), to the effect that the second session each year of the Board and Programme Committee should begin in the afternoon of the Tuesday following the first Monday in September and should last for seven and a half working days. That compromise would give delegations a little more time to prepare for the General Assembly.

It was so decided.

Composition of the Drafting Committee

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Drafting Committee to prepare the report of the Executive Board should consist of the Chairman of the Executive Board, the Chairman of the Programme Committee and the representatives of Switzerland, Canada and Brazil.

It was so decided.

The CHAIRMAN declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.